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TOUR SAGA

Australia was set
alight last November-
December by the most
sensational tour reports
ever seen. Was Rudi
maligned by these
stories? At any rate, did
he find his World Cup
team? — Pages 2,3.

NSW CLUBS

The NSW State
League teams are
gearing up for the 1981
season, soon to start
with the traditional Am-
pol Cup. Who's signed
whom, what's doing in
the premier league of
the premier State? —
Page 4.

PSL NEWS

Some of the PSL clubs
are more advanced in
their preparations than
others. Special reports
from Adelaide,
Brisbane, Melbourne,
Sydney, Canberra and
Newcastle from our
correspondents —
Pages 5,6,7 and 8.

GOLD CUP

Uruguay, one of the
tiniest of all South
American countries,
"repeated" its 1930 and
1950 World Cup wins by
taking out the "Mun-
dialito" last week, hum-
bling mighty Brazil in
the process — Page 10.

JIM

Jimmy Shoulder, ex-
Socceroo boss, returns
to Australia soon, this
time as director of
coaching at the National
Sports Institute. Read
our reaction to this in a
new, expanded "Press
Box" column — Page
12.

DYNAMO OPEN

1981

SEASON



Mark Jankovics, certain to play in coming internationals against
Zagreb Dynamo and Nacional of Uruguay.

Zagreb Dynamo,
the 1978-79 runners-
up in Yugoslavia,
start their four-
match tour of
Australia in Sydney
next week.

Last November,
Dynamo whacked the
Socceroos 4-0 in Zagreb,
giving a classy display in
atrocious weather con-
ditions.

The Dynamo club and
the Croatian government
also gave the Socceroos

a red-carpet treatment; it
would be nice if our
authorities could
reciprocate this
hospitality.

This is the schedule of
Dynamo in Australia:

Friday, Jan. 23: v. NSW

at the Sportsground;
Sunday, Jan. 25: v.
Australians XI, in Can-
berra;

Wednesday, Jan. 28:

v. Sth. Aust., in Adelaide;
Saturday, Jan. 31: v.
Victoria, in Melbourne.

*Next week: stories and
pictures about the
Yugoslav stars.

Sth. Americans in Melbourne

Uruguay's champion club Nacional de
Montevideo will play one match in
Australia next month—in Melbourne.

They will be on their
way home from Tokyo
where they will have
met Nottingham Forest
in the World Club Cup
final earlier.

Nacional's match
will be staged at
Melbourne's Olympic
Park at 8.30pm, Wed-
nesday, February 18,
when they meet the
Socceroos.

Originally the game
was to be held in Syd-
ney but the Sports-
ground floodlights
are unsuitable for color
TV while the SCG is
unavailable.

The match from
Melbourne will be
televised 'live' to
Uruguay—but not to
interstate.

There is a chance,
however, that about a
week later one of the
Sydney channels will
screen the game.

Nacional has eight
full internationals in its
squad.

Of these, seven were
in the teams which
played in the recent Lit-
tle World Cup—"Mun-
dialito"—: Rodolfo

Rodriguez, goalie, 24,
Jose Moreira, defen-
der, 21, Eduardo de la
Pena, midfielder, 23,
Waldemar Victorino,
striker, 27, Julio Cesar
Morales, striker, 36 and
two midfield reserves,
Luzardo and Agresta.

Rudi's job safe

The Australian
Soccer Federation
will not take any
action against
national coach Rudi
Gutendorf.

General Secretary
Brian Le Fevre said this
week that tour leader Vic
Tuting's report had been
received and will be
discussed by the
executive.

Rudi Gutendorf has
not yet submitted his
own report about the
tour.

"We do not recognise
any other reports by
people who went on the
tour," Le Fevre said.

"At this stage, the
whole matter is closed.
The report, of course,

will be discussed but I
cannot see any action
taken."

However, it is under-
stood that Gutendorf has
been carpeted by the
ASF, most probably by
Sir Arthur George him-
self.

He has been told to
refrain from making con-
troversial statements
and creating scenes in
the future.

"We have no reason to
believe that most of the
newspaper stories from
the tour were not true,"
Le Fevre said.

"We can handle the
matter ourselves, by
taking the right steps.

"Gutendorf's job
won't be advertised."

We're 12 pages

With this issue the price of SOCCER WORLD
goes up to 60 cents in all States.

We sincerely regret having to take this step but
won't apologise for it.

The last time our price was increased was in
April 1977—almost three years ago.

In that time, the price of all publications have
increased sharply, many of them doubling.

For almost three years we have been trying to
absorb all the rising production, mail and labor
costs; this is no longer possible.

However, we also have some GOOD NEWS.
from now on we will publish in 12 pages.

We will have an enlarged coverage of the Philips
League, the NSW State League and also more
features, more expert opinions plus an extra page
of overseas news and stories with pictures.

Another GOOD NEWS is that from now on
SOCCER WORLD will be available at most
newsagents a day earlier—on Wednesday mor-
nings.

Charity Shield held — when?

Two of Australia's
top clubs are sup-
posed to open the
1981 season but
nobody knows where
or when.

Originally, as early as
last October, the Philips
League planned a
Charity Shield match
between Marconi and
Sydney City, PSL Cup-
winners and Champions
respectively.



Souness, Slickers

Even last week it
looked a safe bet that the
match would go on as
scheduled on Friday,
January 30.

Then things started to
go wrong.

It turned out that
people forgot to make
firm arrangements with
TV and film stars to ap-
pear in an early match
without whose presence
Channel O-28 would
refuse to televise the
match.

In haste the two clubs
then agreed to play for a
Challenge Cup the same
evening at Marconi Oval.

Yesterday (Tuesday)
this too was cancelled as
attempts were made to
rescue the Charity Shield
by lining up top flight TV
personalities for the
evening.



SOCCEROO TOUR SAGA

What sort of a coach do we want?

Gutendorf's greatest problem seems to be his own personality: harsh, uncompromising, tempestuous, argumentative, egocentric and even bombastic.

On one point, though, he cannot be indicted: he demands discipline, something that is so often lacking in our star players.

Without discipline a team falls apart, especially on a long tour. But we do forget so quickly...

In 1977 some of the same pressmen who now ridicule Gutendorf for his beliefs and methods were equally outraged by the *laissez-faire* attitude of ex-coach Jimmy Shoulder in Fiji, South Korea and Hong Kong.

The players, on the whole, did what they liked, ate what they liked—even to the extent of cancelling training sessions when that interfered with a visit to the racetrack.

Wine, women and songs—we had the lot.

The result: Australia was wiped from the World Cup and the ASF lost a fortune while Shoulder was forced to resign.

Granted: It's mainly Gutendorf's methods which have been blasted, not so much his principles. Not what he did but how he did it.

But that's the man and he won't change. He was the same stormy Rudi with Schalke, Hamburg, Chile, in Bolivia and the USA; his temper must have surely shaped his migratory habits.

We weren't surprised...

In our July 13, 1978 issue, in a dispatch from Argentina, reporting on Gutendorf's likely appointment, I quoted a German journalist colleague's views:

"He uses all kinds of gimmicks and coaching for him is secondary...he is an extrovert and a showman..."

Sir Arthur George and Brian Le Fevre must have received much the same background information on him—if they asked for it.

So why the surprise, the horror and the shock?

They appointed Gutendorf because they felt that, after the gentle reign of Jimmy Shoulder, the Socceroos needed a strong hand, a tough, ruthless disciplinarian who can also make a few headlines.

Well, they've got one.

TOUR OFFICIALS

Chances are that many of the incidents on the tour would not have happened had the whole schedule been better organised.

It's clear now that the ASF made a terrible mess of things.

The itinerary was still shaped and fiddled while the team was shivering near Ipswich.

The incredible travel arrangements—70 hours

of flying, 70 hours at airports—placed an extra pressure on the party.

A match in England, a trip to Italy, back to England for a second match, then to Zagreb close to Italy—whoever can emulate such an idiocy?

The personnel appointed for the tour didn't help, either: it was done in the traditional "jobs for the boys" fashion.

Vic Tuting is, despite his past great contributions, far too old at 74 to take on a long, tiring tour while Kevin Darcy's last close, regular connection with a soccer team was in the 1960s with the now defunct and forgotten Gladesville.

Were these two the best in Australia? Couldn't the ASF have sent instead men who, in the last few seasons, have proved their worth and ability in the tough management of top clubs?

A Paul Trisley as tour leader and David Childs as manager or a similar combination, instead of courting disaster with a septuagenarian and a pretty outspoken Irishman? When they knew about Gutendorf's suspect temper?

ODD REWARDS

After all these years, the ASF still regards these tours as junkets, rewards for services real or imaginary.

And as long as they do, the troubles will be recurring.

Just one more thing while we are on the subject. The much vaunted "Australianisation" of the Socceroos is clearly a myth.

The tour leader was an expatriate Englishman, his assistant Irish, both coaches German born, the doctor an Indian and the masseur a Yugoslav.

There can't be any competent Australians in Australia...

A true bunch of 'Gastarbeiter' led by a tough German.

Has World War 2 really ended...?

DOC IN DOCK

Tommy Docherty starts his Australian career with a perjury trial hanging over his head.

In December, a London court agreed to postpone the trial from March 15 until probably later this year and allowed Docherty a bail of \$1000.

This will enable the Doc to fulfil his contract with Sydney Olympians in 1981.

Docherty is accused of committing perjury in November 1978 when giving evidence as plaintiff in an action against defendants Willie Morgan and Granada Television.



Gutendorf: lost in his thoughts — or just lost?

RUDI'S ODD UTTERINGS

Gutendorf's lack of tact has become legendary in his two years in Australia and was even known before his arrival here.

In his own ghosted column published under his name, he appears to cherish his image as a ruthless, loveless, demon-possessed Wehrmacht tank commander. Many of his famous and at times deliberately provocative utterings are due to his fiery temper, uncompromising nature and also bad English.

Some of his tour comments, as reported:

"You are an idiot, a fool, fool, fool..." (Mirror, Nov. 11, to Athens groundman refusing to let the team train.)

"We have travelled 12,000 kilometres / actually 12,000 miles, ed./ and now we are not allowed to train. We are not African jungle natives. I'll take my players away. You can all go to hell."

(Sun, Nov. 11, to the same groundman.)

"I will not downgrade the name of Australia." (Mirror, Dec. 10, refusing to play an English amateur team at Scarborough.)

"We won the game 3-2 but it was stolen from us by the referee who committed a criminal act in giving that penalty." (Sun, Nov. 12, after 3-3 with Greece and an apt comment on the ref.)

"I, as an old fox, know that one or two beers don't hurt anybody. But I also know that two beers can lead to have another and he may have five or six. Then some people can do stupid things." (Herald, Nov. 15, on discipline.)

"Darcy's role should be to look after the team's gear." (Mirror, Nov. 18, after match ticket incident.)

"Our aim is not to beat England but to qualify for the 1982 World Cup." (Sun, Nov. 18, after losing to England B.)

"Australians are not great soccer players but they have a tremendous

spirit and will power." (Mirror, Nov. 18, after match with England B.)

"We are not looking for any favors from the referees, only a fair go which I think any team is entitled to." (Mirror, Nov. 21, after match in Florence.)

"Dynamo Zagreb are more skilful than Leicester and we will have to change our style." (Sun, Nov. 27, before Zagreb match, lost 0-4.)

"The referees cheat you in countries like Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece..." (Herald, Nov. 21, after Florence incident with the referee.)

"If you let players get away with / being late / then in a week's time we will have five who don't turn up. We must have discipline." (Herald, Dec. 1, after Paton episode.)

"I am not on this trip to make the players happy...some have resented not being allowed more time to go out and enjoy themselves...I prefer that they are full of frustration and rebellion, like a dog when you kick him, so that they can take it out on their opponents. Individuals don't matter to me. What does matter is the product, the team. On a crammed tour like this / letting them go out to play up and drink / is asking for disaster. They must have rest and I ensure that they do." (Herald, Nov. 29.)

"I don't play him again on the tour. Or maybe ever again. I must make an example of him." (Herald, Dec. 4, about Henderson.)

"I play a system the way I like to...the reason that we don't have a mid-field is because we haven't skilful players to produce excellent short passes to build up." (Mirror, Dec. 5, in reply to criticism about his tactics.)

"I should have called off the last two matches and sent the team home." (Telegraph, Dec. 7, commenting on tired and travel-weary team.)

Amidst all the horrors and hoo-haas of the tour, the most important point tends to be overlooked: did the Socceroos fail, did they achieve less than was generally expected?

These were the tour results:

Greece 3-3 in Athens; England 'B' 0-1 in Birmingham; Fiorentina 0-2 in Florence; Leicester 2-1 in Leicester; Israel 1-0 in Israel; Dynamo 0-4 in Zagreb; Hong Kong 0-1 in Hong Kong; Indonesia 1-1 in Jakarta.

This amounts to two wins, two draws and four defeats.

In actual fact, Greece was properly beaten 3-2 but for the extraordinary last-minute penalty by the Greek referee.

Also in actual fact: this was Greece B with only one of the players appearing against Italy in a World Cup match in December...

Still, the results in Athens, Leicester and Israel are outstanding by past Australian standard while the others, against England B (and let's admit honestly: it was more like a C or D), Fiorentina and Indonesia are quite acceptable.

The real disappointment was the loss in Hong Kong whom Australia should beat effortlessly. But the team was dead tired, so let's forget it.

On the results only, Gutendorf has definitely not failed.

But what about the team?

Newspaper reports claimed that Gutendorf had failed to find his team for 1981. This is something that could be debated for hours.

He did make an astonishing number of substitutions in most of the matches—but he has been doing that for two years without similar howls of Press protest. Again: what's new?

Gutendorf claims he used the tour games to try out various combinations; his critics say he was chopping and changing capriciously. Who is right?

Another charge laid was that Gutendorf played without a "strong midfield."

Rudi, on the other hand, argued that without skilful midfielders, which Australia lacks, it's best not to include any in the team but to play through that territory as quickly and painlessly as possible.

I have a feeling that my colleagues on the tour were misled by PSL performances by our best midfielders.

By Australian standard, for Australian consumption, we do have midfielders any team would welcome: Selemidis, Spanos, Henderson, Davidson, etc. or, if you like, some who

didn't go on the tour: Muniz, Jim Campbell, Byrne, Rooney, etc.

But these players perform very differently against a lowly local opposition than, say, Zagreb Dynamo, Fiorentina or an English pro team.

We don't have a single midfielder who could be measured against the likes of Greece's Domazos or Italy's Antognoni.

In a case like that, a coach must consider what is more desirable: to use some orthodox midfielders who are certain to be outplayed by their opposite numbers or to forget about the midfield and concentrate on a solid defence with the option of counter-punching through strikers, some of whom are camouflaged midfielders.

It's an absolute nonsense to claim that Sharne, Krncevic, Boden, Jankovics, etc. "cannot" play midfield, only as unburdened front runners.

If our internationals want to lay claim to stardom, they have to be able to play as deep as the circumstances demand.

Argentina had only one player in 1978 who had a purely attacking role, Luque; all the others, Kempes, Bertoni, Houseman, Ortiz, etc. started from very deep-lying positions.

Or how many Italian stars had an exclusively attacking role in the same World Cup?

One: Paolo Rossi. The others—Bettega, Causio and Antognoni, all came from behind.

So the problem is not that Gutendorf is trying to play a modern formation: it is that we have few players who can understand the requirements and carry them through.

The shortage of attacking fullbacks or truly skilful midfielders is not Gutendorf's fault: Australian soccer simply doesn't produce them.

The German Kaltz, the Italian Cabrini, the Argentinian Passarella or the Dutch Krol are defenders who move up and score goals.

Can Perry, Prskalo or Tansey do it? Or even the more versatile Henderson who failed to score a single PSL goal in the 1980 season?

We also accept Gutendorf's contention that he lacks skilful players able to build up midfield moves with precise, short passes.

Many of our stars have difficulty with one-touch passes; their movements are stiff, their ball handling below average.

For three or four such midfielders to take on the accomplished artists of a Zagreb or Fiorentina would have been suicidal; they would hardly see the ball.

That much about the tactics.

But does Australia now have a team for the World Cup?

Team lost in haze

The answer is—probably not. But we have said this several times before the tour, when the Press euphoria was at its highest point.

Whatever went wrong with the team building happened not on the tour but before that.

Obviously it took Gutendorf all this time to realise the humble material at his disposal, that despite his farfetched epithets and comparisons, Perry is no Vogts, Cumming no Gerd Mueller, Henderson no Beckenbauer...

The sum total of available "pure skill" in the Socceroo squad, measured by Continental standard, is tragically small.

There is the veteran Prskalo and the fragile Boden—and then a pause. Perhaps a few promising youngsters, such as Davidson, Selemidis, Spanos and Krncevic come close; of the more experienced players Henderson, Tansey, Yzendoom, then you've got to search for more.

Let's be honest about it: going on skill alone, Perry, Jankovics, Hogg, Barnes and a few others just don't measure up even though they make up for a lot with fitness, power, endurance and spirit.

True, Gutendorf has been mulishly stubborn about some absent players: he keeps ignoring Muniz, Glampalo and Mullen, all of whom are much more skilled than their counterparts now in the squad; he is also unlucky not to have seen the 'real' Kosmina and Marocchi.

At this late stage, after so many experiments and having tried out some 50 players in almost every possible permutation, Gutendorf's options are running out—if he stays at the helm.

Perhaps he should consider slotting in whole units from a club in his Socceroo team against New Zealand in April to gain the instant cohesion which has so far eluded him.

He could, for instance, use the entire Heidelberg midfield and striking pair: Selemidis, Yzendoom, Campbell, Rooney, Cole and, unless he misses the bus, Paton or provide the team's nucleus from Marconi with Henderson, Prskalo, Maher, Krncevic, Jankovics and Sharne.

But one feels that it's too late now to integrate these parts into a telescoped unit; it's the one or the other, not a mix of the two and certainly not a meaningless "interstate" team, the one from here and two from there syndrome.

Gutendorf has had more than two years to build a national team—and he hasn't.

Even during the tour he was thinking about about trying out Watson, Cumming, Degney, David Jones and others.

For crying out loud: somebody ought to tell Rudi that he's had his fun with the experiments. If he doesn't know the available material by now, he will never know.

SOCCEROO TOUR SAGA

Honeymoon with Press is over

The press coverage of the tour by the "Gang of Four" accompanying the team was certainly the most critical ever in an Australian newspaper.

A long stream of hair-raising stories kept pouring back to Australia about Gutendorf's clashes, tantrums, escapades and incredible utterings.

Some journalists tend to exaggerate—but it's hard to imagine that all would have been carried away to falsify facts.

The question is: why did the Press break with its time-honored tradition of keeping "in the family" many of the sordid details, why the public linen washing on such a vast scale?

We have had heaps of incidents on previous tours, ever since 1965, many concerning tour officials, coaches and players.

We have had strange "deals" with airlines, drink problems, airport thefts and arrests and threats of players being sent home.

If we had a spare million or two to cover the likelihood of libel cases, we would be delighted to devote a page or two to past episodes.

However, most of these went unreported or were glossed over, probably in an attempt not to make soccer look worse than it is.

Now, on this tour, the pressmen must have felt that Gutendorf exceeded the limit and did not merit such conventional considerations, so the intensity of the horror stories built up into a crescendo.

It could have been aided by the journalists eggling on each other or due to some clashes with Gutendorf but the

bond of silence had snapped.

The Press did its job as they saw fit. Undoubtedly, they will stand by their reports.

This, of course, makes their job difficult.

If Gutendorf stays, this will be interpreted by the public as an official ASF dismissal of the tour stories, severely denting the credibility of the journalists involved.

If the ASF relents and dismisses Gutendorf, it will be seen as a classic case of trial by the Press.

It will be also in-

teresting to see whether Gutendorf continues to write for the Herald which was perhaps his most bitter critic.

Can the Herald retain, as its well-paid columnist, a man whose dismissal their organisation's two newspapers have just about demanded and can Gutendorf swallow his pride and write his little essays as though nothing happened?

We have always felt that it was wrong for the national coach to commit himself to one

newspaper group, no matter how well they may pay him.

Perhaps the time has come for him to stop.

This becomes imperative if Gutendorf sticks to his decision not to speak to journalists from now on.

Surely the ASF will not accept as sane or ethical that the national coach shuns the Press and makes his views known only in a particular newspaper which is prepared to pay him the princely sum of \$150 for news that should be available free to one and all?

Those headlines

Whatever you may think of the tour reports, often it was the headline, written at the subeditors' desk, which created sensationalism.

One is more willing to accept this treatment from the "popular press" which thrives on these headlines ("plane crash; 300 DEAD" and then underneath, in small type: in Ecuador) and I was surprised to see the Herald and the Australian follow suit in the mad scramble to create an absolute hysteria.

Here is a sample of the headlines of the tour stories:

ROBBER REFEREE FURY—Sun, Nov. 12, after Greece match.

CHEATING REF: RUDI'S OUTCRY—Mirror, Dec. 12.

RUDI LASHES OUT AT TOUR MANAGER—Herald, Nov. 17, after clash with Darcy.

STORM OVER RUDI—Mirror, Dec. 18, Darcy incident.

WONDERFUL DEFEAT: RUDI—Sun, Nov. 18, after loss to England B.

RUDI IN FUROR OVER 'SNUB' TO ENGLISH SOCCER—The Aust., Nov. 19, on refusing to meet English amateur team.

REF BARS RUDI—Sun, Nov. 20, after Florence game.

RUDI CALLS HIS AUSSIES OFF!—Mirror, November 20.

FIERY RUDI GIVING US BAD IMAGE—The Aust., Nov. 21, after Florence.

TIME FOR RUDI TO COOL IT—Telegraph, Nov. 21, Florence.

SPANOS SNUBBED—Mirror, Nov. 22, when Spanos failed to get a match after three games.

GOOD ON YOU RUDI—Mirror, Nov. 25, after win against Leicester.

RUDI: I WAS READY TO QUIT—Sun, Nov. 26, after English amateur team incident.

GLAD TO SEE LAST OF STALAG 13—Herald, Nov. 27, on leaving English training camp.

ZAGREB TURMOIL PUTS PRESSURE ON ROOS—The Aust., Nov. 28, after coach of Zagreb had been sacked.

NEAR MUTINY AFTER RUDI EDICT STRANDS PLAYER—Herald, Dec. 1, after Rome airport incident.

SOCCEROOS A LOST LEGION IN THE SNOW—The Aust., Nov. 29, Zagreb.

LONG WAY TO SPAIN—Telegraph, Nov. 29, the writer's considered opinion about our World Cup hopes.

RUDI A FLOP—Dec. 1, on team selection matters.

RUDI SACKS HENDERSON FOR SUICIDE PASS—Herald, Dec. 4, after Israel match.

MIDNIGHT TRAINING FOR WEARY SOCCEROOS—Herald, Dec. 5, on team's arrival in Hong Kong.

RUDI'S JOGGERS STARTLE HONG KONG—Mirror, Dec. 5.

SOCCEROOS IN TATTERS—Sun, Dec. 9, after Hong Kong game.

RUDI, YOU BLEW IT—Telegraph, Dec. 10, tour summary.

RUDI INQUIRY; EXCLUSIVE—Telegraph, Dec. 12, on Gutendorf's behaviour being discussed with four pressmen by Arthur George.

Headline hunting is an ancient newspaper game in which precision and absolute truth are often sacrificed on the altar of brevity, available typefaces and space—and more importantly, the wish to catch the eye.

If The Australian had printed: Dynamo coach sacked on Nov. 28, it would not have created half as much interest as 'Zagreb turmoil' with 'pressure' and 'Roos thrown in for good measure' though the story had little to do with the Australian team or its coach. But what the heck...

Since the team's return it has been proved that the 'Rudi calls team off' headlines were all based on a story, since denied and even retracted.

'Rudi a flop' was a rash value judgment in a heading which even the story didn't suggest yet enough to mislead the reader who reads only headings.



Sir Arthur George



This is how the Press saw the tour.

WHAT THE PAPERS

SAID

'Gutendorf' yesterday blew his stack when the Soccerroos were refused permission to train at the venue of their match against Greece... (Mirror, Nov. 11.)

'The mad mob, masquerading as spectators, roared and hugged and danced with other other...' (Herald, Nov. 13—after Greece's equalising penalty.)

'From the moment Rudi Gutendorf, with customary flair and lack of diplomacy, kicked two Greek officials off the Australian team's bus, it became apparent that this was going to be no ordinary soccer match.' (Herald, Nov. 13, in Athens.)



Brian Le Fevre

'Rudi Gutendorf declared war last night on Kevin Darcy, the Australian team tour manager... Darcy and Tuting each had tickets to the directors' box I to see an English league game but Gutendorf and the players had to gather in the public area...' (Herald, Nov. 17.)

'Rudi Gutendorf refused to go and called on his players to leave the field...' (Sun, Nov. 20, after Florence match.)

'Gutendorf refused to budge and signalled his players to come off...' (Mirror, Nov. 20.)

'Rudi Gutendorf is giving Australian soccer a bad name...' (Telegraph, Nov. 21.)

'When the Australian players receive the ball, they don't know what to do. They play too much stop and start football.' (Argentina's coach Menotti, after Florence match, Sunday Telegraph, Nov. 23.)

'I would have gone mad as a player if I couldn't have a few beers and go out at night...' (Scottish coach of Leicester, Jock Wallace, commenting on Gutendorf's anti-drink edicts, Herald, Nov. 27.)

'The Soccerroos made the most of Rudi Gutendorf's absence by catching a train for their first day of looking at London...' (Herald, Nov. 27.)

'It was ridiculous that the Australian team had to wear short-sleeved shirts in the bitterly cold weather... Australian officials on this trip have been finding it rather difficult to get their act together...' (Australian, Nov. 29.)

'The Australian team almost mutinied against Gutendorf in an astonishing incident at Belgrade airport... when he threatened to send home Jamie Paton for missing the bus...' (Herald, Dec. 1.)

'If the players don't get along with a manager, for example, it's crazy to put him in charge of a touring team...' (Barnes quoted in Herald, Dec. 2.)

'Some of the players are at least half a stone overweight and their coach doesn't even know about it.' (Herald, Dec. 3.)

'...if he talked to his players more instead of at them...they are fed up with his habit of reprimanding players and, indeed, officials in public and almost always in ear-shot of the press.' (Herald, Dec. 3.)

'The ASF must shoulder the blame for its failure to find a man younger than 75 to lead the party.' (Herald, Dec. 3.)

'The Soccerroos thought Gutendorf was joking when he called a midnight run on the footpath outside the team's hotel in Hong Kong.' (Mirror, Dec. 5.)

'Who appointed Gutendorf in the first place? Who organised the tour? The ASF. It will be remarkable and unacceptable if Sir Arthur George dismisses reports of controversial tour incidents as 'sensationalism.' (Herald, Dec. 9.)

'Gutendorf: I will get mad. Tuting: You are mad.' (Conversation on team bus, as reported in Herald, Dec. 9.)

'Rudi's greatest handicap was his Teutonic abruptness, dogmatic discipline and frightening aptitude for picking quarrels with so many people...he is a Jekyll and Hyde character.' (Sun, Dec. 9.)

'The ASF president Sir Arthur George has called a meeting next week with the four pressmen who covered the tour to inquire into reports about the behaviour of coach Rudi Gutendorf.' (Telegraph, Dec. 12.)

'Sir Arthur George denied a report in a morning newspaper that he had called a meeting next week with the four pressmen.' (Anderson, in Mirror, Dec. 12.)



Present assistant coach Les Scheinflug.



Former assistant coach Leo Baumgartner.

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"What an attacking side. Nine full-backs and a midfield centre-forward."

Ross leaves

The State League's top scorer last year was a relatively unknown Auburn teenager, Mark Ross, who had a hard time winning fans amongst officials of the club despite his feat in scoring 19 goals throughout the year.

Ross — who was once described by an Auburn official as 'awkward' — has now left the club and joined Melita.

His transfer has landed him with his former Auburn coach Vic Dalglish who should be glad of the services of the nifty 19-year-old forward.

Ross should prove even more dangerous this year at the Eagles, for with the midfield partnership of Ray Farrugia and John Stoddart to back him up there should be a steady flow of passes on which to pounce.

Melita have also revealed that their third midfielder — Vic Juchniwicz — formerly with Auburn — has been placed on the transfer list with a price tag of \$1,800.

PAUL KEMP'S FATHER DIES

PSL manager Paul Kemp lost his father last Sunday.

Harry Kemp, 62, died very suddenly and was buried on Wednesday.

We offer Paul and his family our sincere condolences.

CROATIA TO BOUNCE BACK

If only by their activity on the transfer market, Croatia have shot back into prominence in the State League this year.

After what can only be described as a disastrous season for the three-time premiers, Croatia failed to even win a top four place last year.

In fact, it was the first time since the formation of the PSL that Croatia had not won a major trophy.

This season they plan to get back on the winning trail.

Their ventures into the transfer market have caused amazing rumours amongst the other clubs.

When talking with the other clubs the talk becomes a sort of "Yes, yes, but what about Croatia buying all those players" type conversation.

In fact Croatia hasn't signed up all that many well known players.

Steve Montgomery, the Arnccliffe striker is one, Kevin Dobson, Auburn's powerful central defender is another, and Sydney City's Brazilian Marcos Silva is yet one more.

However, coach Domagoj Kapetanovic, who looked after the side last year, has also made a few purchases of relatively unknown players.

Zbigniew Czolnowski from Marconi and Ted Cenowski, recently arrived from Poland are two players whose names will cause just as much confusion to Croatia fans over how to pronounce them as to who they are.

New club president Tony Topic said there were at least two more signings in the pot.

"We will probably sign up another player from Sydney City — a well known player who had several outings with their first team last year — and Parramatta's goalkeeper Ian Barker," he said.

While Tony Topic has taken over the reins of the club a former Croatia president, Tony Basic, has severed all official links with the club.

This year he will take a rest from official duties. "It was getting too hectic," he said.

"I felt I needed a break and wanted more time to devote to my business," Tony added.

Tony Topic is confident that the re-organisation of the first team will provide rewards this year.

"We reached an almost inevitable anticlimax last year," he said.

"It was very hard for the players to be motivated — after all they had won the State League title three years in a row.

"But now we have virtually a new team and

these players have to prove themselves," he said.

Apart from the players who have joined the club, several long-serving Croatia players have been placed on the transfer list.

Among them are Zdenko Kafka, Wally Savor, Greg Smith and Peter Mullen.

Meanwhile, Croatia's longest serving player and darling of the crowds — Maurice 'Frenchy' Sullivan — has finally retired.

Tony said the team had already started to show it was capable of big things this year.

"The team has a nice style and I think it will please our fans," he said.

It's going to be another tough year, but we are determined to do well to help our argument for PSL status," Tony said.

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Former regular Manly first grader JOHN DICK, now working in Perth, recently returned to Sydney to get married. He and his wife, KIM will return to West Australia where John will work for another year before coming back to Sydney. He hasn't been idle on the soccer front though and spent last year with Inglewood Klev in the WA State League, playing alongside PAT DELLER (formerly Auburn) and NICK McCALLUM (former Pan Hellenic and Melita) and being coached by a former Pan Hellenic star JIMMY PEARSON.

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Parramatta coach BOB WALL is quietly confident that the experience of last year will put his relatively young team in good stead for this season. This coming Friday will be the team's first serious test of the year when they play Leichhardt in a friendly, and Bob hopes the basically unchanged team will quickly find its stride.

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Melita were a little rattled when they lost ATTI ABONYI as coach to Arnccliffe Scots. However, they wasted no time in appointing a successor. Melita's 1981 coach is VIC DALGLEISH, former coach of Auburn.

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Arnccliffe Scots' Publicity Officer ERIC SMITH says the club feels that there are too many State League players who are over-pricing themselves. "These players should realise they must prove their worth either in drawing crowds or gaining results before they start clamouring for large contracts," he says. "At present there are too many players who expect big contracts and signing on fees and just don't live up to their end of the bargain."

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North Sydney are another club that haven't ventured onto the transfer market yet, but have lost a couple of talented youngsters. Both JIM BOTTALICO and FRANK LEYDON have signed with APIA Leichhardt, leaving an uncomfortable gap in key positions.

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Canterbury are starting off the new season with a new coach. Former Canterbury player JOHN XIPOLITAS is the man at the helm of the first team.

★ ★ ★

While Manly haven't gone onto the transfer market in search of players, they fear they have lost one of last year's stalwarts in GEORGE TOWNSEND. George went back to England for holidays and is due back in February. But club officials say they haven't had any word from him confirming his return.

★ ★ ★

CANTERBURY still has not been able to reach agreement with stylish midfielder GREG BYLES over a contract for the 1981 season.

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Parramatta too look like losing a regular first team player in JOHN FORWOOD. John is going overseas for an extended holiday tour of about 18 months.

★ ★ ★

Melita's solid centre back from last year STEVE MacDONALD bought out his own contract and has left the club. Steve joined Melita two years ago from Croatia and really blossomed as a fine defender with the Eagles.

★ ★ ★

ATTI ABONYI's position at Arnccliffe Scots is full time and he will be responsible for all three grades and the three Federation youth teams. But Atti will have help. Arnccliffe have appointed a second grade coach in ALAN EDMONDSON who was MICK JONES' assistant at Blacktown City last year.

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North Sydney Inter have a new club president for the new season in JOE LA-ROSA who was vice-president last year.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

By Paul James

North Sydney Inter's midfielder ROBBIE YOUSSEF is on loan to Blacktown City this year. North's Secretary ARCHIE BLUE said the player wanted a chance to prove his ability in the PSL and they didn't want to stand in his way.



Canterbury's young star CRAIG HALL has not yet returned from holidays in Great Britain. It seems he went over with a few of his mates from his former club Sutherland.

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In the words of Manly President GEORGE DICK, the club is "looking for an angel" to help them with plans to develop a clubhouse on their land at Cromer Park. George says the club will start a round of fundraising activities to try and meet the difference between a bank loan and the cost of construction, but will still be eager to contact that "angel".

Melita president EMMANUEL SAID is confident that ASSOCIATED MIDLANDS INSURANCE will once again be the main financial sponsors of the Melita team. Emmanuel said final details of the amount the company would provide still had to be worked out, but last year's association was profitable for both partners and would continue this year.

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Arnccliffe's new coach ATTI ABONYI has made only one signing so far. Auburn goalkeeper RON GIBBOURNE has been snatched up, but club spokesman ERIC SMITH says it's unlikely any more signings will be made until after the Ampol Cup. "Atti wants to see how the available material shapes up before he starts heading into the transfer market," Eric said. "If Atti did want to buy, the club would have the money," he added.

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Manly have retained TERRY STONE as first team coach for 1981. Terry has been with Manly for four years and will be backed up by HUGH HENDRY as second grade coach. Hugh is a former Manly player, and was in the Manly team in First Division in 1968. TERRY WINDSLADE has been appointed third grade coach and FRED WALL will continue to look after the goalkeepers.

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PARRAMATTA officials are hopeful of a profitable year in 1981, as the club has never been in a better financial position. Trading at the clubhouse has picked up tremendously in the past six months, and with renewed sponsorship — albeit on a limited scale — from Ken Allen Motors, Parramatta are looking at a bright year.

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Melita's exciting young left back PHIL MIKAS is undecided about his future and has not signed a contract with the Eagles for the year.

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Arnccliffe have transfer listed their midfielder of 1980 BILLY BULLOCH. Billy — who is still training with the Scots — was signed at the start of 1980 from St. George.

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Arnccliffe Scots have placed ALAN AINSLIE on the transfer list. Alan, who coached the Scots for most of last year, was a former team mate of ATTI ABONYI, the new Scots coach, at St. George.

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FIL BOTTALICO and ARCHIE BLUE are once again in charge of the teams at North Sydney Inter this year, but will have extra help from RAY POLETTI who will look after the third grade. Ray is a former North Sydney player himself and was with the club for 11 years.

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The Melita Stadium is nearing completion — well the playing surface area, at least. Melita president EMMANUEL SAID says the ground, at Everley Park in South Granville, has been the centre of attention of club members for many months and should be ready for competition games by mid-March. The ground already has lights suitable for night matches, and the next phase of development is to put seating and a grandstand around the field. At present a series of 'hills' are all that spectators can use.

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Arnccliffe sold two of their strikers during the off-season. STEVE MONTGOMERY went to the free-spending Croatia while STEVE LEAK went back to his old club, Auburn.

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Canterbury are awaiting the return of another player from Great Britain: ALEX McPHERSON spent the Christmas break visiting relatives in England.

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Report on PSL '81

Qld. hero gets cold shoulder



Lions' Nigel Lowndes

Soccer got off to a quicker start than usual this year but even such a worthy cause as the Italian Earthquake Fund barely caused a crack in the facade of disinterest perpetrated upon soccer by the media.

Brisbane City, Lions, Grange Thistle and Mt. Gravatt all played in matched at Perry Park and it was entirely due to the effectiveness of the "jungle telegraph" that a goodly crowd of 2,500 people turned up and no doubt swelled the fund with their contributions.

For the record: Lions Reserves beat the City Hopefuls 5-1, Thistle and Mt. Gravatt played a 1-1 draw, while the two

Phillips League sides failed to score and finished up all square.

However, the over-riding factor over the actual soccer was the complete failure by all forms of media in

throwing their weight behind a sport trying in its own way to help a charity.

The previous week we had been inundated by live TV coverage, radio reports, and pages of copy all about the Queensland v India "spectacular" at the 'Gabbra, a match which drew palpably small crowds evidenced amply as the cameras panned endlessly over acres and acres of empty seats all around the ground.

Actually, this treatment was just about the final insult in a month that has seen soccer treated as a leper among sports, especially by the Queensland media.

The beginning came when soccer's NATIONAL player of the year, Brisbane's own Jim Hermiston was nominated for an award in the Caltex Queensland Sportsman of the Year award.

Twelve monthly awards are presented and only days after Jim had won his national award presented by the Prime Minister in Sydney he couldn't even rate a monthly prize in a contest that "pays out" for the taking of 3 or 4 wickets in a Shield match, or scoring a spectacular try in a R.L. match.

The strangest matter of all is that gossip has it that many of the journalists who are supposed to select the winners, and who know how dedicated Hermiston is to his sport, were not too happy with the rejection of this superb athlete.

Then came the world tour made by Rudi Gutendorf accompanied by some others who just happened to be representing Australia at a sport played worldwide.

Had it not been for Rudi's supposed cantrips it is extremely doubtful the team would have rated a mention.

BRISBANE

By Jim Binnie

The biggest affront was yet to come, however, and the ABC Sportsman of the Year award had prime viewing time at national level in which to rub salt into the already massive wounds.

To name representatives from three of the four football codes in Australia was not only an insult to soccer in general but was surely an embarrassment to the three players who found themselves standing beside true world champions in the true sense of the word.

One could only feel sorry for them as the MC tried everything in his limited repertoire to justify them being there.

To hear a player praised for kicking a ball "a fantastic 55m" was ludicrous after listening to the endeavours of Alan Jones, Michelle Ford and Co., especially when thousands of soccer followers know that goalkeepers regularly kick balls up to 70 and 80 metres every match.

Surely the month must have proved beyond doubt to our new

marketing committee that they will need all the courage of Anzac, and then some luck, if they are to win this fight for recognition.

Brisbane City have made two notable captures on the transfer market and their loyal fans will be hoping for big changes in the team performance this coming season.

But they may have to be patient for they have also lost two of last year's better performers in George Potter who is now concentrating on the coaching job and big striker Barry Kelso who is reported to have returned to his former club, local side Redlands.

The two new men, Jimmy Dunne and John McVeigh are well credentialled and showed up well in the friendly match against Lions.

Both Phillips League clubs were smartly put in their place at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Soccer Federation.

Both had intimated they would be prepared to play in the State League competition as they felt their reserve teams were not getting the type of competition required to bring their game up to PSL standard in the reserve grade.

This was especially true in Lions' case for their team "murdered" the League, never losing a game, and in fact, when during the season they did play matches against the two top State League sides, could only be deemed unlucky to lose by the odd goal in three in fast entertaining games.

Many administrators thought the two clubs' inclusion in the league would help to prop up the rather precarious financial position of clubs in Brisbane who are playing in front of as little as 100 people.

But came the day, and all the old jealousies and fears surfaced and the proposition was defeated by a vote 74-6.

So comes the endless quotation: do you raise your own players, run in to this gap in standard, purchase players at inflated prices, or import a player for the cost of an air-fare?

It isn't really a question, it's a statement of procedure and economics.

The Phillips League clubs are continuing to show their faith in national soccer by pouring thousands of dollars into facilities for their fans.

Brisbane City who are to play at their own ground this season have their huge grandstand fast approaching completion.

The project, which is costing a reported \$400,000 will, upon completion, make this one of the best soccer grounds in Australia.

Lions are completing their more modest improvements and have started to enlarge their after match function room in order that fans can be lured to stay at the ground after a game.

The pitch, which was praised by all who used it last year is already in tip-top condition and will be perfect for the first game of the season.

MARCONI WILL ZOOM IN STYLE

SYDNEY

By Andrew Dettre

A big Japanese car manufacturer is Marconi's new sponsor.

To help the lucrative and long-term deal along, Marconi are considering changing their colors to that of the car's well known red-white-blue. Any guesses?

On the players' front the good news is that Mark Jankovics has come to terms with the club and is staying.

Marconi are still negotiating with a top midfielder who is likely to be the only new face at Bossley Park, apart from youth international Ian Hunter.

Hunter, signed from Blacktown in the off-season, suffered a 'clean' break of his leg in Fiji in December and could resume training in March or April.

Roberto Vieri, the centre of a prolonged storm last year, has returned to Italy where he now plays for a third division club.

If he had chosen to go six months earlier, Les Scheinflug, the mortadella in this Italian sandwich, could still be the coach...

Paul Degney has fully recovered from his injury and so Marconi let Jimmy Cant go to the Slickers.

Cant made some financial demands on the club which they were not prepared to meet. Can't Cant, they must have said...

Marconi officials are optimistic about the 1981 season.

Their only worry is that many of their stars may be away on Soccerroo duty for long periods.

They also have great faith in new coach Raul Blanco, despite the little Argentinian's disastrous year with St George in 1980.



Raul Blanco

"Blanco will work under different conditions and circumstances here," a club official said this week.

Actually, Raul Blanco almost joined Marconi

once before, at the end of 1978 when the then manager, Rale Rasic, wanted him as his assistant.

In the last moment the deal fell through: Rasic resigned and Blanco joined Melita instead.

Marconi are already in full swing.

Last Sunday they played their first trial game, beating Avala 6-2.

On Sunday, at 6pm, they will play Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium.

The curtain-raiser, at 4pm, is between the youth teams.



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Kosmina will add bite to Slickers



New Slicker John Kosmina.

— By Andrew Dettre

"Business as usual" should be the motto of the well organised Sydney Slickers.

Last year's PSL champions are quietly confident that even their very good 1980 vintage will be surpassed this season.

The trauma and the agony of that awful 0-4 hiding from Heidelberg in the Top Four final was shaken off ages ago.

"We didn't dwell on it too long," says soccer chairman Andrew Lederer.

"Every team can have an off day. Ours came in Canberra."

The most notable new face in the Slickers' camp is former Soccerroo striker John Kosmina, 24, signed last November for a reported \$27,000.

Few fans can doubt Kosmina's class even if, in 1980, he had one of his poorer seasons with the struggling and troubled West Adelaide.

In 1977 Kosmina burst on the scene as one of the most talented locally produced strikers since the days of Attila Abonyi and seemed certain to become a permanent international.

Then he was signed by Arsenal of London where he played in a handful of first team matches, including a UEFA Cup game in Yugoslavia.

On his return, to

Adelaide he could not find his old form and national coach Rudi Gutendorf, after a couple of trials, dropped him.

If Kosmina can recapture his brilliant 1977-78 form, his partnership with the silky-smooth Kenny Boden in the Slickers' attack could set the PSL ablaze.

Another newcomer is Scot Willie Morgan, 23, a striker from Hibernians.

Jimmy Cant, from Marconi, also joined the Slickers as a utility defender while West Adelaide's polished midfielder, former Derby star Eric Carruthers is also training with the team.

Against all that, John Stevenson, for many years the team's midfield conductor, has left the club and was signed by

South Melbourne, for about \$17,000.

Terry Smith is at present on the transfer list and is likely to leave the club.

Eddie Thomson is almost certain to hang up his boots and concentrate on coaching only.

The Slickers' efficient and enterprising secretary, David Childs, has been busy on a number of large-scale promotions for the new season.

Encouraged by the increase in crowds in 1980, due partly to the team's move to the Sydney Athletic Field and partly to the club's promotional efforts, Childs is now working on new schemes for 1981.

Adelaide Ampol Cup

The 1981 Ampol Cup will start tonight (Wednesday, January 14) at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The 30-year-old Cup will change format for the first time in the hope of injecting fresh interest and to boost attendances.

Last year's competition was played by first division clubs and most nights the crowd would not exceed the 500 mark.

The participating teams in the Cup are:

Adelaide City (Giants) and West Adelaide (Hawks) PSL teams, Croatia, Para Hills and Cumberland United the top three clubs for the 1980 Rothmans League, plus a combined team from the Rothmans second division, a combined team from the amateur League and a selected U-19 State team.

The Ampol Cup 1981 fixtures:

14.1: Early match at 7.30pm, Second Division v U-19, late match 9.00 Adelaide City v Cumberland United.

21.1: Para Hills v Amateurs, West Adelaide v Croatia.

28.1 Croatia v Second Division, Adelaide City v Amateurs.

4.2 Para Hills v Cumberland United, West Adelaide v U-19.

11.2: Croatia v U-19, Adelaide City v Para Hills.

18.2 Cumberland United v Amateurs, West Adelaide v Second Division.

25.2: Semi-finals.

4.3: Final.

Adelaide Giants, under new coach Bob D'Ottavi, played their first trial match against last year's Rothmans League champions Croatia last Sunday.

It was a disappointing baptism for D'Ottavi as his team played a lacklustre 90 minutes and went down 1-0 by a goal scored by Steve Caggiano in the first half.

— Vic Migliaccio

CHEMIST TO FIND CURE FOR ADCITY

Juventus Social and Sports club, sponsor of Adelaide City is all set to rise again.

Founded in the mid-1940s, in the past four decades it has been the pride and joy of many thousands of loyal supporters.

Competing under the Juventus banner until 1976 it has the record of being the best soccer club in SA.

League champion and Federation Cup winner on 12 occasions, it has also won the Ampol Cup and Coca-Cola Cup three times.

Under the guidance of coach, Edmund Kreft Juventus entered the Philips National League in 1977 as Adelaide City. The team finished its first season in the new league in fourth place and attracted 100,000 spectators to its 13 home matches.

During the 1978 season City had a lot of setbacks and could only finish 10th in the 14 team competition.

It was a bad year for Adelaide City but not for the Juventus Social Club as it opened its \$400,000 clubroom housed under the grandstand at Olympic Sports Field.

City hired the most popular coach in Australia Rale Rasic for the 1979 season winning the Philips Cup and finishing fifth on the table.

In 1980 still under coach Rasic it again finished fifth but while the team had only an ordinary season it was a disastrous year for the club.

Midway through the season an extraordinary meeting was called by the club's board to advise that the club had a big deficit and was in danger of being declared bankrupt.

Reasons given were the low attendance at home matches, the fact that the club had never recovered from the expense of building the clubrooms in 1978 and the high cost of its coaching staff.

Most of the members accepted the explanations and set about taking steps to raise



Carmine Picarello



Edmund Kreft

money to save the club.

With only a few weeks left before the new season kicks off and nearly six months from the extraordinary meeting, the Juventus Club is on the move.

At the recent annual meeting, the treasurer's report showed a great improvement and that the club was no longer facing a financial crisis.

At the AGM only three candidates from a record of 25 applicants were members of the previous committee.



John Perrin

The newly elected executive comprises chairman Lou Ravesi, secretary Carmine Picarello and treasurer Americo Fantasia.

It's a powerful combination.

Lou Ravesi, 41, a businessman, holds a university degree in pharmacology.

A SA handball champion, he also played Aussie Rules for West Adelaide where he was a vice-president on the committee.

He is a member of the Adelaide City Council and has been an honorary vice-president of the Juventus club for the past six years.

Carmine Picarello, 37, of Rostrevor, has returned to the fold as club

secretary — a position he held two years ago. He is an administrative officer at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Americo (Curley) Fantasia, 42, who was re-elected as treasurer, is a successful Adelaide businessman. He owns the Fantasia and Prince Albert hotels.

The other 14 positions on the committee of management were filled by F. Andriani, A. Carocci, V. Circosta, D. Dimella, T. McCauley, T. Mittiga, G. Morgillo, F. Pacitti, S. Passalacqua, G. Pesaduro, L. Salzano, C. Scalzi, A. Taddeo and A. Tavella.

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By Vic Migliaccio



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Joe Watson, the Slickers' key midfielder.

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VEST PLANS SUPER-BREW

Alan Vest, now in his fourth year as coach of Newcastle KB United considers his squad for the 1981 season to be the strongest he has had under his control.

The loss of deputy goalkeeper Jim Preston and talented young midfielder Peter Tredinnick to Wollongong City will have minimal effect with the inclusion of some interesting newcomers.

Phil Dando's hold on the goalkeeping spot will be challenged by 21-year-old Clint Gosling, who has represented New Zealand at youth and international levels.

Gosling spent six months last year in England with Liverpool and is a player of considerable promise.

The experience of former Cambridge United midfielder Ian Buckley could prove a great asset, while the return of likeable striker Bob Mountford poses an interesting situation.

NEWCASTLE

By Myles Hay

Mountford "guested" with Newcastle two years ago in the company of Middlesbrough's Craig Johnston, but rarely attained the playing heights of which he looked capable.

The "new look" Mountford, having shed considerable weight, has been scoring goals in regular fashion with Stockport County.

Goals are what the Newcastle supporters want to see and if Mountford fires in this department the still mourning fans of the departed Ken Boden may be appeased.

The advent of the Youth League gives Newcastle another chance to blood many eager 18-year-olds, who will form the nucleus of the side.

The battle for first team places will be fiercely contested and at the initial training session held on January 2, tough

little Malcolm McClelland stressed his determination to hold a top grade spot.

McClelland is the fiery redhead who dropped out of the Australian Youth squad just before the trip to Paraguay following a disagreement with Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf.

His promising contemporary Brett Cowburn is still on the doubtful list, suffering from a kidney ailment which will curtail his vital build-up training at this stage.

Cowburn's footballing future is in doubt, and this forced coach Vest to invest in an additional midfield player for the season.

Tearaway Edgeworth Eagles striker Grant Storey has been named in the first team squad and will be given his chance in early pre-

season trial matches.

Storey, a player with a high work rate, but often lacking in direction, may prove a threat to first team regulars like David Jones, and Graham Heys.

Former Lake Macquarie defender Howard Tredinnick, the younger brother of the departed Peter is stand-by to a fitter-than-ever Colin Curran.

Curran now has the advantage of working on a regular day shift basis which will enable him to train with other squad members in contrast to previous years when he was often forced to train by himself because of his working hours.

Even at this early stage Curran looks extremely fit to form the most experienced backline in the Phillips League with former England and Leeds United fullback Paul Reaney.



Newcastle goalie Phil Dando

Quiet Scot to face huge task

Canberra City will compete in the Phillips Soccer League this year under a new name, the Canberra Arrows.

The name change will please the new major sponsor of the Canberra Arrows, the New South Wales based lottery firm "Lotto" which is chipping in with \$30,000 to help field and promote the Arrows this season.

The sponsorship was announced last December.

"Lotto" advertising will be conspicuous at Bruce Stadium. Team photos of the Arrows will be on display at local "Lotto" outlets while spectators to the Arrows home games will be given the opportunity of winning "Lotto".

The distinctive symbol of "Lotto" is an arrow composed of brightly coloured balls and Canberra are likely to take the field in a striking, new multi-hued playing strip.

The Arrows also announced that local car dealer and sponsor of Canberra City since its inception in 1977, Brian Pollock will donate a new car to the new manager and a car for the 1981 Player of the Year contest winner.

It is also likely that the Arrows team to compete in the new Youth League will gain a sponsor.

With the caretaker-managerhip of John Brown having lapsed, speculation was rife that Monaro coach and mentor of the Sebastian Giam-paolo-Waller Valeri tandem, Frank Macarone would be appointed Arrows coach for the coming season.

CANBERRA

By Peter Kunz

He offered his services free of charge and in view of his local knowledge of players and the Australian scene, he seemed the logical choice.

The outgoing 1980 Canberra Board of Directors, however, opted instead to engage the services of George Murray, a Scot unacquainted with the Australian soccer scene.

Murray's last assignment took him to Norway where he coached a second division side called, rather oddly, "Oddball Klubb."

The 38-year-old Murray coached Aberdeen from 1973 to 1978 and also enjoyed a stint as a coach of junior players with the Seattle Sounders in the USA.

The quietly spoken Scot who has been in Australia barely a month will face the daunting task in formulating his team as well as preparing for pre-season friendly matches before the February PSL kick-off.

These friendly matches include fixtures against a Melbourne side, PSL newcomers Wollongong and the Prime Minister's Cup tie with Newcastle, in Newcastle.

On February 8, Canberra face local Canberra Federation victors, Downer Olympic in the

first round of the Phillips Cup.

The Canberra Arrows Board is in the process of re-negotiating contracts with most of the current players.

Roy Stark, Canberra's stalwart defender was the first to re-sign in November before jetting off to England in the close season to get married.

Two well known players who failed to renew their contracts with Canberra have signed with Sydney clubs.

defenders the Arrows can draw upon, and replacements will have to be found.

Young Mark Francis has joined the PSL squad from the junior team.

However, the club is no longer grooming or nurturing young talent as it had three years previously and surely one priority of the club this season must be to make their youth league team a viable source of new talent rather than a stagnant backwater, replete with "has beens"

The Canberra Arrows Board of Directors was elected last November.

Theo Moulis was re-elected president. Vice presidents are Jack Evans and George Don-da, directors Denis Molr, Arthur Huggins, Norman Knowles, Frank Kunz, David Dillon, George Paulus, John Haslam and Kevin Osborne. Notable in their absence from the Board are Charles Perkins a former president and Steve Doszpot, previously vice president.

The incoming Board has plainly stated that their most daunting task will be to cut costs and unnecessary spending in an effort to curtail a sizeable deficit.

The fortunes of the Canberra Arrows will depend largely upon the ability of the Directors to manage finances effectively and to eschew squabbling and petty politicking which plagued the club last season.

George Murray will also be hoping that his new charges will form a harmonious, cohesive and capable combination.

Canberra fans will be hoping that the name change will be a tonic which will propel their team to the unaccustomed upper rungs of the 1981 PSL ladder.



Canberra striker Terry Byrne

Danny Moulis, son of club president Theo Moulis has been signed by Sydney Olympic, while Mike Milovanovic has been transferred to the Blacktown Demons.

Both players are only 20 years of age and were members of the national youth team which contested the preliminary rounds of the 1979 World Youth Cup.

The loss of fullback Moulis and stopper Milovanovic has depleted the ranks of experienced

and "hopefuls" who never quite have the calibre to make the transition to top flight soccer.

Additional news on the transfer front is that Philip Reis, Steve Hoszowski and Keni Kawaleva are transfer listed while Alan Reis, younger brother of Phil has been selected in the national youth team and has been loaned to the Australian Institute of Sport for the coming season.



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McKendry talks himself out of Heidelberg job

Report
on
PSL '81

If the events that went on in the Victorian close season are any indication we are in for a hectic year in soccer circles in the Southern capital.

Every one of the four PSL clubs has done something controversial, has made its normal close season promises and has drawn its big plans for glory some of which (dare I say all of which even at this early stage) will no doubt backfire on them.

Heidelberg just about takes the cake, of course.

Len McKendry, head swelled by the Grand Final victory, started it all by asking for several conditions which caused a minor outrage among the Heidelberg committee when he was negotiating a new contract.

The committee dropped him like a hot potato and was inundated with applicants for the job which ranged from Martin Chivers the former England international to an unknown South Australian coach by the name of Steve Hearn.

Six weeks of inactivity later McKendry was back in the hunt and declared the "hot favorite" for the job by the committee.

But out of the blue the job is given to Manny Poulakakis who declares that he did not apply for the position but was rather approached for the job.

"I've got ethics. I don't try to pinch jobs from other people," he assured me.

That would be fine but let's not forget that Heidelberg's player camp is full with McKendry's disciples and no doubt a player-coach friction is bound to happen.

Indeed, one player who is close to the Heidelberg camp has warned me: "I wouldn't be surprised if there were a number of transfer requests."

And let's not forget of course that Poulakakis publicly labelled McKendry's tactics "negative" earlier this year.

"I wasn't criticising him," Poulakakis again reassured me.

"I was trying to stop his style of soccer spreading to other clubs."

"Heidelberg lost a lot

of popularity among soccer fans by holding the ball too long in defence.

"I will be changing that, of course, although I suppose it will take time."

Nevertheless, the whole situation may fizzle out to nothing for if there was resentment within the players it certainly wasn't apparent in the first training session when most of the first team turned up for a short address by Poulakakis and then was put through a short session with the minimum of fuss.

Still I daresay there might be some fun and games ahead for one Manny Poulakakis.

The club has in the meantime changed presidents with Arthur Loustas, 28, replacing Jim Mangapoulos who needed a year's rest.

So onto Footscray where the controversy once again concerns the ground.

Here, too, there has been a change of presidency where Tony Kovac, the "father" of the club, has retired to make way for his deputy of 17 years standing, John Ivanovic.

MELBOURNE

By Paul Galea

Footscray were on the verge of announcing they will play their home games at an Australian Rules holy of holies — the Yarraville Football ground.

Yarraville were for it, the Footscray council (whose mayor is also Yarraville's president incidentally) was for it, and the soccer club was for it.

One tiny hitch: five of Footscray's home matches clashed with the VFA club's home matches so Footscray all of a sudden decide it's no go.

"Why should we be chasing a new ground when we've got our own," they say.

Why indeed, when Leichhardt's home ground is not better than Footscray's old stamping ground Schintler Reserve?



Footscray goalie Denis Boland.

So the next step is to upgrade Schintler, put in a turnstile, fix the fences, add a few kiosks, a new press box and there we've got a Philips League ground.

Meanwhile Ivanovic has still to cope with the coaching situation where Jim Kriaris, who filled in last season, has moved on to Northcote City in the State League.

Cedo Cirkovic will definitely take the job seeing he's already helped out but nobody has offered him a contract.

The club has signed a promising defender in Shaun Parton, 19, from Frankston City but there's no sign yet of goalscorers or forwards on the horizon.

• Social club

So onto the League newcomers, Preston.

You'll no doubt remember that this is one of two new additions to the league.

The Victorian Soccer Federation sorely remembers that it's been robbed of its drawcard and further friction between the VSF and PSL may be imminent — the swords are drawn.

Preston, under the presidency of solicitor John Brown, have opened a spacious social club which guarantees the club a regular source of outside income.

Big improvements are also going on with the ground where seating for 1500 is being installed and a new pressbox erected.

The team, however, is in limbo and coach Brian Edgely is surprisingly inactive about player plans.

Danny Moulis made the trip to Melbourne to talk to South Melbourne

and Heidelberg but the Red and Blacks did not raise a finger to contact him.

And all this when they've declared their intention to strengthen their defence as a first priority.

A second defender, Jimmy Dunne, with 10 years experience in England with Fulham and Torquay behind him, also, slipped under Preston's noses moving from Green Gully to Brisbane City instead.

The club has a good forward line which includes Peter Ollerton, Gary Ward (who has scored over 30 goals in two seasons) and George McMillan who is bound to be a big hit in the PSL.

Then there is South Melbourne where the club has been surprisingly professional during the close season.

Except for one slip, of course.

The club tried to sign back a player it had released for peanuts two years ago and has been landed with a massive transfer demand, much to their embarrassment.

The player in question is Bobby McGuinness the ex-Sydney City, Portsmouth and Motherwell striker, whom South never gave a go and released to Brunswick Juventus for \$3,000, only to be embarrassed when the player knocked in 26 goals in two seasons in the State League.

His fee rose to \$20,000 in the meantime and South Melbourne quickly quelled their renewed interest and looked elsewhere for a striker.

Their new signings have been John Stevenson for \$17,000 from Sydney City, Jim Shirra an experienced Scot who had two seasons in the premier league with

Aberdeen after a lengthy spell with Falkirk and who has recently been with Dundee, and Robert Stewart another Scot, much younger, who was on Hearts books.

Stevenson and Shirra are midfielders while Stewart is a striker but there have been no departures to compensate their arrival yet.

This, coupled with the return of George Christopoulos, now recovering from a cartilage operation, might mean friction in the fight for places so the club would be well advised to transfer a couple of the players already on the roster.

John Margaritis was re-appointed without hesitation following last season's success but now faces an even harder season in trying to keep the club at the top.

Marconi kids conquer L.A.

Marconi's Under-16 star Joe Rizzotto was the toast of Los Angeles last December.

He was elected "Player of the Tournament" after his team had won the Under-16 series, held by the American "Soccer Corner" Magazine.

Earlier in 1980, at the request of our American colleagues, we ran a story inviting teams from Australia.

Marconi responded and their team joined others from the USA,

Brazil, Argentina, Poland, Spain, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

The players raised their airfare and the Marconi club made a contribution towards the trip's expenses.

The players were billeted out to families during the tournament, played at the Birmingham State College grounds, outside Los Angeles.

The Marconi kids won all their five matches, in the final beating the USA Stars 2-0.

Coach of the team was Vic Divan.

A discordant note crept into the tour when three players had to be sent home for breaches of discipline.

Rizzotto has been signed on for the Marconi senior team and secretary Milorad Urukalo predicts a bright future for the youngster.

O'Sheas leaving?

The three O'Shea brothers, John, Robert and Michael, are likely to leave Canberra City.

The financially distressed club which still owes them various sums from 1980, cannot meet their contract demands and may grant them a free transfer.

They wanted to change their club colors to the rainbow-hues of Lotto — but the PSL doesn't like the idea of having seven (!) colors in the team's strip.

Umbro, manufacturers of all PSL gear, have reportedly told Canberra that it would cost over \$100 to make each shirt — about \$60 above the norm.



John O'Shea

All players who will remain have accepted a cut in their contracts to help Canberra out of this fix.

—A.D.



Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta.

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By Dr. Robert Buchler ★

Soccer officials, coaches and fans all over the world frequently discuss the "problems" of their favorite teams and the reasons for their occasional failures.

Very often, not without foundation, they focus on the relationship between players in the team.

However, without the necessary scientific data, they cannot hope to divorce facts from fiction and find a solution.

Throughout my 25 years of work and research in this field, I have come to a number of firm conclusions.

One is that the relationship between players in any given team very clearly shows up in the results and performances.

Our research both in Hungary and abroad shows that the performances of teams, made up of excellent players, is apt to cause disappointment and stay below the rightful expectations if the team's community spirit is unsatisfactory.

Obviously the reverse is also true: a team with average players can perform well above expectations if that spirit is good.

These factors are so easy to pinpoint that, in the majority of cases, after a well prepared research project, it is possible to forecast the rise or decline of teams.

In 1976, for example, West German psychologists examined the relations of all Bayern Munchen players to each other.

As we recall, that team was still performing brilliantly.

However, the scientists concluded that the team's group-psychology conditions had deteriorated and therefore a decline was certain to follow.

The club's officials deeply resented this prognosis and even ridiculed the forecast — yet in the end the psychologists were proved right.

How did they reach their diagnosis?

They studied the frequency of passes between players in match situations, among other things.

The finding was stunning: the two dominating players of the team, Beckenbauer and Kappellmann, received half as many passes as the rest of the team put together in matches.

Kappellmann, for example, was passed the ball twice as many times as his midfield partner, Horstmann.

From these symptoms and also from other studies they easily concluded that the presence of these two players had a vital bearing on the team's performance — primarily not because of their individual skill but mainly because of their psychological influence over the other players.

At the same time it became known that both these players were about to leave the club, thus vacating these central, dominating roles in the team.

The examinations also showed that Bayern had no other dominating personalities in the team — no matter how many good to excellent players they did have.

And almost the moment Beckenbauer and Kappellmann left, a new, heavy and bickering atmosphere developed in the dressing room among the other players which could not have led to anything else but a decline.

Naturally, in this field of sports psychology, one has to overcome suspicion, ignorance — and prejudice.

In many clubs officials and coaches rigidly believe that a team's communal spirit is fine if all the players are on intimate good terms with each other.

This is a fundamental mistake.

It is a proved fact that totally harmonious co-operation is not possible among more than five or six players.

If there were such a team where all 11 were on the best possible terms — it would be detrimental for the team's performances.

Why? Simply because this would lead to a lack of healthy rivalry and competition; the players would be too careful not

JUST WHAT IS TEAM SPIRIT?

to leave anybody out of the bonus sharing or even goal scoring pleasures.

This, in turn, would replace the normal, healthy value judgement of the players by an unprincipled equality.

Of course, club officials usually fear the formation of groups or cliques within the team and traditionally dislike if five or six players band together in a friendly little mob.

Clearly, one should not tolerate the formation of true cliques — but the presence of small groups of friends, provided they have no hostile feelings towards the others, provides healthy rivalry and is to be encouraged.

Similarly in many clubs officials dread the development of "stars."

This is also an incorrect approach.

Research has shown that the presence of outstanding, dominating players exert tremendous influence on the overall performance of the other players and the team.

Their function is significant: with their own example and display, they are able to lift the entire team — but only if these "stars" are positive thinkers, if their natural leadership and influence drives the others to new heights and not to larrikinism.

Often club officials sense the need for a good team spirit and try to bring this about in bars.

Such gatherings may result, after a few glasses of drink, in a few backslappings, but never in the development of a good team spirit based on mutual respect.

Another problem in many teams is what can be termed as the "generation gap."

Some players, purely because they are older, demand privileges — not just in monetary terms, which would be understandable but also in other areas, such as easier training doses.

"Let the younger ones do the running," they say.

This attitude always leads to breaks in the team spirit as the younger players are almost forced to form some loose protective alliance against it.

A further problem is caused by younger players who are simply not on good terms with any of the players, the "ledge" types.

This could be extremely detrimental to the whole team as such players get all their information, instruction and hints from their coaches and never from their fellow players.

We know that in match conditions, under pressure, players must understand their partners often from a quick glance, even a wink.

One move, one dummy or one quick wave of the hand can be vital "information" for the scoring or the preventing of a goal.

And the "ledge" players, on the outer, miss out on all this.

On top of it they must carry extra psychological burdens because they rarely get an encouraging word, a friendly verbal pat from the others which could give them a new lease of life.

Then, of course, we can find in teams the worst possible form of "clique cult" where rival factions within a club make the whole team a battlefield of feuding players.

How can a psychologist help with these problems?

He can carry out careful studies and then show the results to the club officials and coaches who, in most cases, haven't got the slightest idea that such invisible forces are at work within the team and cannot even imagine why the team's performances show no improvement despite their arduous work, sacrifices and excellent conditions.

A good psychologist not only unfolds these mysteries to the club but also explains the possibilities which can harness the energies and resources of the players which may be dissipated wastefully.

★ Dr. Buchler is assistant professor of Psychology at the Budapest Sports Institute.



Czechoslovakia could thank its brilliant goalkeeper Schroff and his undaunted spirit for reaching the 1962 World Cup final in Chile.

De Luca to help Salisbury Utd.

If a local soccer club is to breathe life into the South Australian Second Division in 1981 then my money will be on Salisbury United.

They have one great asset: Fabiano De Luca, a 38-year-old coach who spent five years with English League club Millwall, two of them working with ex-Chilean national coach Oscar Arte.

De Luca will tell you stories of Arte, once a great player, keeping a ball in the air while walking back 500 yards to the club's changing rooms on London's Wimbledon Common.

Goodwill and hospitality gush out of the brickwork at the Berries' plush new stadium at Kelsey Road.

The ground has become a brighter, better stadium and a procession of good players — David Johnstone, Steve McNally, Clive Attridge and Wayne Morris — are

taking up places in the dressing rooms.

De Luca stayed out of work for two years after arriving from England apart from a stint with Adelaide City Juniors where he won the championship.

He went to matches, watched players and then, after some persuasion from myself, joined Salisbury United.

Now De Luca talks with enthusiasm of the players available to him and the rekindled surge of interest that has once again involved him in the game that he loves.

"I will change a few things" says De Luca, with understatement.

"I will expect the players to have a professional outlook and if they don't wish to approach the game in that manner they can play elsewhere."

His talents are already reaping benefits for the Berries.

— David Jenkins

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St. Etienne's Dutch star Johnny Rep: "There won't be any more Cruyffs because football now is too hard and players are chopping down opponents. That's the reason why attendances all over the world are falling or stagnating."

Editorial in the Dutch 'Volkrant' newspaper: "France is playing the most attractive soccer in Europe; technically they are superior to all the others."

Rene Botteron, Swiss star after the 0-5 defeat to Argentina: "This was the best team I've ever played against in my life. Maradona made a fool of me as I wouldn't have thought possible."

Franz Beckenbauer said he wasn't interested in playing for Germany again. "Before the 1978 Mundial I would have been happy to play but I wasn't wanted. Now they can forget about me."

The ever outspoken Brian Clough is now being carpeted by the English Football Association for his remark on TV: "All the club presidents are hooligans."

Brazil's manager Tele Santana, on his return from a long study tour of Europe: "West Germany is Europe's best team."

England manager Ron Greenwood: "If a coach doesn't treat his players as adults off the field, they won't behave like adults on the field either."

FC Köln's Dutch manager Rinus Michels: "One of the disadvantages of democracy in sport is that everybody interferes in the affairs of the coach."

Jozsef Krizsan, secretary general of the Hungarian Association: "1980 was the worst international season for Hungary in our 80 years of soccer."

Middlesborough's young Australian star Craig Johnston: "When my career is over here, I want to return to Australia. That's where I come from. I'm an Australian at heart and the sun and warm climate will prove too much of an attraction for me when I hang up my boots."

Urus win cup but are they the best?

Uruguay caused a considerable upset by winning the "Mundialito"—Little World Cup—held in Montevideo's Estadio Centenario.

In the final, they beat Brazil 2-1, after a 0-0 half-time.

The series was held to commemorate the first World Cup, held in Uruguay in 1930—and also won by Uruguay, beating Argentina 4-2 in the final.

This was Uruguay's first major international success since winning the South American championship title in 1967.

In 1978 they didn't even reach the finals of the World Cup, having been eliminated by Peru in the earlier rounds.

What experts will now ask is: are the "Urus" again the best in the world?

It's doubtful, to say the least, despite having built a fine young team, mainly on players who won them the South American Youth Cup in 1979 and despite having unearthed a brilliant talent in Ruben Paz, 20, said to be close to Diego Maradona's class.

The three European teams competed in Montevideo under severe handicap, having assembled their sides in a haste, interrupting their domestic seasons.

All three South American teams, on the other hand, have had a chance to prepare undisturbed for the series for several weeks, since the end of their local championships.

Even so, Holland and Italy were very disappointing.

European champions West Germany were placed by the organisers in the tougher of the two preliminary groups, together with Argentina and Brazil, all but assuring that Uruguay reach the final.

The Germans lost to the two South American giants—after leading 1-0 against both.

After their unlucky 1-2 loss to Argentina, when they conceded the two goals in the 84th and 87th minutes, they might have lost some interest as they couldn't have reached the final anyway.

Still, their 1-4 defeat by Brazil will need a lot of explanations.

Ironically, Brazil reached the final on goal difference, at the expense of Argentina.

In the last match, Brazil had to beat the Germans by two

goals—and they made it three.

In the 1978 World Cup finals, the positions were reversed.

Argentina had to beat Peru by four goals to overtake Brazil and make the final—and they won 6-0, starting a long string of accusations that the Peruvians had thrown the game.

These were the results:

Group A

Uruguay v Holland 2-0
Uruguay v Italy 2-0
Holland v Italy 1-1

1. Uruguay.

Group B

Argent.v.W.Germ.2-1
Argent.v.Brazil 1-1
Brazil v.W.Germ. 4-1

1. Brazil.

Final:

Uruguay v Brazil 2-1.

* Channel 0-28 will begin televising the Little World Cup matches in Sydney and Melbourne this week, starting at 8pm on Wednesday. For details, please consult your daily TV guides.



Argentina's captain Daniel Passarella.

DEYNA TO USA

The unhappy Pole, Kazimierz Deyna, 33, has abandoned his quest for glory in England and will resume his career in San Diego, USA.

Deyna, capped 102 times by Poland, has been unable to carve out for himself a niche in Manchester City where, his coaches claimed, his style "wouldn't blend."

For two painful seasons he has been in and out of the struggling City team where managers Malcolm Allison and Tony Book spent millions on players without any result, before both of them getting the axe.

New City manager John Bond wasn't too impressed with Deyna, either.

"He has an enormous lot of natural talent and perfect control," Bond admitted, "but his work-rate isn't for us."

Deyna just shrugs his shoulders.

"They are crazy about the long ball forward and work-rate. What they need to get out of their deep stagnation is a few thinkers, like Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore."

"English managers have too much power and like to play God with their players."

"They make all the decisions themselves, grandly accept all responsibilities, then they are surprised and hurt when they get sacked."

ITALIAN JUSTICE

The Italian courts trying 38 people accused of criminal activity in the Pools Scandal acquitted 37 and indicted only one, the mastermind of the show, a greengrocer. Now the Italian Soccer Federation will have to decide whether they should also review the suspension of club officials, coaches and players.

JUVE BOSS OUT

Juventus are unhappy about the form of their star-studded team and the blame is laid at the feet of manager Giovanni Trapattoni. "Juve" have been having quiet talks with ex-Torino coach Gigi Radice and former Barcelona boss Ladislao Kubala and one or the other is certain to end up in Turin soon, driving a Fiat sports car...

COACHES MISTRUSTED

The Hungarian Association has decided to hold frequent training camps for the international squad during 1981 because the "standard of coaching and training in the clubs is not adequate." Hungary's first World Cup match will be at the end of April in Zurich, against Switzerland.

SZUSZA IN CHARGE

After a brilliant career during which his team won six Hungarian titles, Ujpest coach Pal Varhidi resigned. His successor is former Ujpest star Ferenc Szusza who had spent some successful years in Spain, coaching Betis and Atletico Madrid and returned to Budapest about six months ago.

DANIEL IN TROUBLE

Daniel Bertoni's future with his native Argentinian national team is under cloud: in his few months with Fiorentina in Italy, he has been sent off twice. Manager Luis Cesar Menotti is known to be worried about the lack of discipline shown by his former star winger.

DIEGO'S MOVE

Diego Maradona, 20, Argentina's stunning superstar, wants to transfer from his small club Argentinos Juniors to Boca Juniors. To avoid any misunderstandings: neither club is a "junior" outfit; their names are remnants of the past when they were established by British students and engineers.

POLE-AXED

Poland suspended four of its stars, Mlynarczyk, Zmuda, Boniek and Terlecki. It appears that one, goalie Mlynarczyk was found to be drunk during

the team's Roman training stint and was ordered to fly home. The other three disagreed with manager Kulesza's decision and threatened to go on strike if the order was carried out. So all four were flown home — and promptly suspended.

ALLISON IN WONDERLAND

Malcolm Allison, sacked by Manchester City, where he had spent a staggering \$14 million on players without success, has been appointed by Crystal Palace as their new manager. Four years ago Allison was sacked by Crystal Palace...

DE STEFANO BACK

Argentina's Racing club is negotiating for a new manager — the former superstar Alfredo Di Stefano. The former Argentinian and Spanish maestro has had meagre successes as a coach and manager; his last club, Valencia, actually sacked him.

CRUYFF AS ADVISER

Ajax of Amsterdam have engaged Johan Cruyff as technical director Cruyff returned from the USA where his club, the Washington Diplomats went broke with a debt of some \$12 million (a fair chunk of it paid to Cruyff himself.) The Diplomats were owned by Gulf and Western Oil, with assets exceeding \$6,000 million...

YACHINE A V.P.

Lev Yachine, former all-time great 'keeper of Moscow Dynamo, has been elected vice president of the Football Association of the USSR. The new president is Boris Topomine, a lawyer and member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

RINUS MINUS

FC Köln's coach Rinus Michels, who joined the club some six months ago from Washington, is in trouble — in Spain. Tax authorities, claiming that Michels owes \$120,000 in taxes, have confiscated his house in Barcelona.

JOSEPH PAID

Malaysian referee George Joseph, who was attacked and beaten by two Iraqis in Baghdad last March after a pre-Olympic match, has been reimbursed \$500 by FIFA — for his stolen wallet. Joseph is now claiming other bills for medical treatment.

BOLIVIAN CHAMPS

Jorge Wilsterman, the quaintly named Bolivian club won the country's 1980 title from "The Strongest" while former great Bolivar, struggling under a German coach, finished down the ladder.

Years ago Bolivar were also coached by Rudi Gutendorf. Wilsterman are from Cochabamba and one of their stars is veteran Brazilian winger Jairzinho.

GUESTS MUST STAY

The Swedish Association has decided that in future "guest players" will be registered only if they stay at least six months with their clubs. In recent years many British pros. spent a few weeks of their summer holiday appearing for Swedish clubs whose season goes from April to October.

MALTESE RIOT

Poland's World Cup match against Malta at Valetta was abandoned with the Poles leading 1-0 with Lipka's goal. When it was scored the linesman flagged for offside but the Yugoslav referee, Dusan Maksimovic, gave the goal. Next moment a torrent of stones and bottles were flying at the referee who then stopped the game. FIFA has awarded the match as 2-0 to Poland and will close the Griza stadium for internationals for a long period.

SEEING DOUBLE

The Foerster twins of Stuttgart, Karl-Heinz and Bernd, received long suspensions for cheating. Bernd was about to receive a second caution in a match, meaning his expulsion when, in the commotion, his identical twin brother had his name taken by the referee. An inspector reported the matter later.

COLO-COLO SAVED

Chile will reduce its first division for 1981 and teams certain to be relegated are Wanderers, Green Cross, Lota Schwager and probably Coquimbo. The country's leading club, Colo-Colo were rescued from bankruptcy by the government when the state TV, under orders from president Pinochet, guaranteed the banks against the club's debts in return for 11 international matches — yet to be fixed...

HUNGARIANS QUIT

Two players of the Hungarian club Csepel, Gyula Hegyi and Sandor Tarnoczi defected while in Yugoslavia with their club — and were flown immediately to the USA where they joined the semi-professional Hartford Hellions.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

It won't be a dull year in Sydney. We may still have Rudi Gutendorf around, certainly to catch an occasional headline despite his resolution to become a watered-down version of a Trappist monk, refusing to speak to pressmen.

If he does stay—and Australian soccer is littered with the unlikeliest happenings—his relationship with pressmen, some of his own Socceroos and many club officials will be strained after the November-December soccer safari.

Then we will have Tommy Docherty in town, leading Sydney Olympic and also a strong candidate for a huge amount of publicity.

The gum-chewing, brusque Scot may be elevated to sainthood by Greek fans or quickly intrigued out of town, depending on his results.

For the reported \$60,000 salary—only a few measly bucks less than Malcolm Fraser's—Olympic will expect a return to the halcyon days of Pan Hellenic when crowds of 10,000 and more went to watch and admire Loukanidis & Co.

But Docherty or no Docherty, the Greek fans will return and endure the cold comforts of Pratten Park only if Olympic have a winning team which must be Docherty's prime task.

Like elsewhere, Docherty will attract attention, create controversy and gather in his loyal admirers as much as his critics.

One of his former players, Alex Stepney, writes in his autobiography:

"Few personalities in football have ever created as much controversy as Tommy Docherty...he has always bought and sold players with the knock-down finality of a butcher dealing in carcasses...each player was no more to him than a number and any sentiment that filtered through in the dealings was pure dressing..."

Let us recall here that it was The Doc who built and then demolished Chelsea, who gave the great Denis Law a free transfer without telling the player first, who led Manchester United down into the second division for the first time, who was fired by United over a scandal concerning the physio's wife and was involved in countless incidents all over Britain.

What's in store for Sydney?

We'll also have in town Rale Zvonimir ('unbelievable') Rasic, with his ever-present cherubic smile which has worn well since Jimmy Mackay's shot in 1973 swept us into the World Cup finals.

Rasic, the eternal good copy and source of interminable quotes, may have to share the limelight with Docherty and, if he breaks his silence, Gutendorf.

Indeed, it looms like the GDR Show: the letters stand not for the German Democratic Republic

but for the Gutendorf-Docherty-Rasic trioka, three tempestuous, extroverted, success-oriented characters.

Will Sydney be big enough for them? Can our small stage hold up three such stars fighting for public attention? Wait and see.

It's good to see such harmony in soccer. The PSL clubs will not play in the Ampol Cup while the NSW Federation clubs will not take part in the Philips Cup.

While officials haggle, argue and stand on their dignity, the public suffers. As usual.

It went without any Press comment as though it were the most normal and predictable event: Jimmy Shoulder got the Director of Coaching job at the Canberra Sports Institute.

The same pleasant and always urbane "Sunny Jimmy" who resigned in 1978 after the disastrous World Cup campaign by his beaten Socceroos, who was panned by the Press for his meek and weak ways with the team.

Jim is really a nice guy who hardly made any durable enemies in Australia.

However, it was still startling to see him get the Canberra position, reportedly on the strength of a telephone interview with Institute boss Don Talbot of the Konrads Kids fame.

Well, perhaps it was more than just a phone call: Rothmans director of coaching Eric Worthington admits he was strongly behind Shoulder's application while equally strongly opposed to John Warren's who, he says, "spreads himself too thin."

But there were some amazing circumstances surrounding this appointment.

First of all it was strange that Worthington, having been asked to comment on the ability of the candidates, then sat in at the actual interviews: judge and jury rolled into one.

It's a sad fact that in the whole of Australia we couldn't produce one man for this relatively humble job which, at this stage anyway, involves nothing more complex or intellectually exhausting than the coaching of some under-21 players.

It must reflect poorly on Eric Worthington that, in his eight long years here, he couldn't produce one worthy local coach. What has he been doing?

The appointment also shows up Talbot himself in a pretty poor light.

Some years ago he was forced to go to North America to eke out a living as a swim coach because of the paucity of opportunities in Australia.

Then he returns home—and promptly appoints an Englishman for the soccer post and an American for the swimming job at the Institute.

Is there another country in the world which would stand for such self-flagellation?

The Young Socceroos played five full internationals in Israel, losing four and drawing one. After each and every match, coach Rudi Gutendorf was quoted as saying that "we had 70 (or 80, maybe 90) percent of the game..." and should have won.

Then, at the end of the tour, he declared that "Australian strikers cannot score goals."

We could have saved him a trip: we ALL know that and have known it for many years. What we don't know and neither do our coaches is, how to teach them to create and then take their chances.

The ASF, Coca-Cola and Winged Foot (no, it's not a Red Indian tribe but a tiny PR agency) must be working feverishly and in the greatest possible secrecy to make the 1981 World Youth Cup finals in Australia a roaring success.

All the myriad details concerning training facilities and movements of the 16 teams, communications, protocol, interpreters and translators, security, Press arrangements and everything else must have been carried out in record time and quietly.

As of today, we have not been given the slightest hint about these activities and we can only assume that any day now a big gala announcement will be made to unveil a magnificent infrastructure which will make the organisers of the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals in Frankfurt and Buenos Aires go green with envy.

During our absence, Ethnic TV—Channel O-28—got into full swing and began to deliver its promise of many hours of soccer each week.

We are self-confessed gluttons: any amount of soccer you care to give us.

The more the better. Well, if not better then at least merrier.

The quality of the stuff from Brazil and Argentina is excellent, the snippets from Yugoslavia and Italy interesting.

We hope that whenever possible, Channel O will add a bit of variety by also showing Dutch, Spanish, Austrian and German films.

The chief presenter of the programs, Vlado Lusic, is doing his level best to look the part but suffers under formidable handicaps: his scant knowledge of soccer and its personalities is the major one. His heavy accent and melancholic Slavic good looks make access poorly.

Vlado's best features are his neatly-trimmed Lenin-beard and stunning white jacket but perhaps he needs more than that: a touch of humor, an occasional sign of life.

Listening to his monotone one invariably expects him to make a solemn announcement about fresh archeological finds from the times of Ramses II.

His stand-in, Les Murray (actually, both friends of ours or at least until now...) is smoother; his undoubted knowledge of soccer is a great asset.

But he would be even better if he didn't insist on imitating the Brian Moores and Hugh Johns of TV fame, rattling off precisely the same clichés, throwing in an occasional "wee Jimmy" which, without a genuine Scottish accent, sounds hilariously funny and uproariously inappropriate.

Soccer will not even approach, let alone reach professional management levels until our leading administrators learn not to take their annual holidays in the December-January period.

It keeps amazing me, year after year, that in the most critical period of preparations for the new season, so many presidents, secretaries and managers are on vacation, some for up to five weeks.

This is the time when the groundwork should be prepared for the whole season.

Instead, the "preparations" are left until the very eve of the season start and then go on for several weeks after that.

Of the Sydney clubs, Marconi and Sydney City managers and secretaries have been working right through the dormant period to get everything ready for their clubs and teams.

—Andrew Dettre

Aust. by telex



Greg Woodhouse

Australian soccer certainly comes up with some novel ideas...

Last week, Rudi Gutendorf selected his national squad — by telex, from Israel.

He picked 15 players for his Australian XI (Australian XV?) which will play Zagreb Dynamo in Canberra.

Gutendorf opted mainly for young players, only Tansey and Boden being closer to 30 than 20.

- This is the squad:
- Greg Woodhouse (Leichhardt)
 - Glen Ahearn (Brisbane Lions)
 - Robert Wheatley (Blacktown)
 - Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions)
 - Jim Tansey (Heidelberg)
 - Steve Blair (Sth. Melbourne)
 - Alan Davidson (Sth. Melbourne)
 - Peter Raskopoulos (Marconi)
 - Ken Boden (Sydney City)
 - Peter Sharpe (Marconi)
 - Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
 - Eddie Krncevic (Marconi)
 - John Spanos (Sydney City)
 - John Yzendoom (Heidelberg)
 - Brett Woods (Sydney City)

NSW CHIEF REJECTS RUMPUS OVER RASIC

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Don't miss the chance to see NSW play this distinguished European team!

The long running feud between ASF president Sir Arthur George and former Socceroo coach Rale Rasic, dormant for many years, has surfaced once again.

Last week the NSW Federation executive appointed Rasic to coach the State team for the match against Zagreb Dynamo.

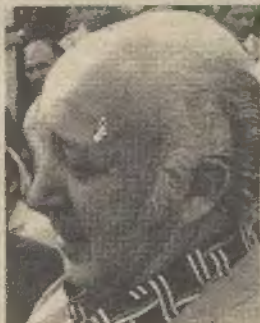
Sir Arthur reportedly protested to NSW president Karel Rodny, claiming that Rasic was unacceptable to the ASF, and suggested Les Scheinflug instead.

Rodny, in turn, pointed out that NSW could appoint anybody they liked.

"For a start, we couldn't consider Rudi Gutendorf for two reasons," Rodny said this week.

"The first is that he won't be back from Israel until this week and we had to make a start."

"The second is that we felt there could have been some demonstrations against Gutendorf stemming from the incidents on the Novem-



Karel Rodny



Rale Rasic

ber-December world tour.

"Anything could have sparked off an incident and it wouldn't be fair to expose Gutendorf to an unseemly demonstration."

"Anyway, we believe Rasic is the best man for the job and we have the right to decide. Attila Abonyi will be his assistant."

"Had Frank Arok been here for longer than just a few weeks, we would have considered him, too."

The appointment of Rasic is for one match only.



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